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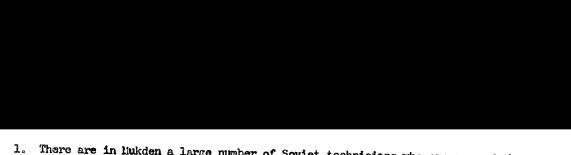
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- 1. There are in Mukden a large number of Soviet technicians who are connected chiefly with the Sino-Soviet Railroad*which the Soviets are operating. The Soviet position regarding the railroad is that Chinese interest in the road is still vested in the Nationalist government according to terms of the old treaty, and that the Soviets are protecting this interest pending recognition of the Chinese Communists or the collapse of the Kucmintang.
- No Soviet troops have been observed in Mukden, and none are believed to be in Manchuria.
- 3. The Chinese Communists are now negotiating with the Soviets for the purchase of industrial machinery.
- 4. Mukden's small businesses are depressed, but functioning. Newly developed restaurants, however, are doing a good business. The general price level in Mukden is half of that of Peiping.
- 5. The only form of communication open between Eukden and Peiping is mail, which is not usually censored.

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Comment. Manchuria is definitely under the control of the top Chinese Communist command in North China, although it has a small measure of local autonomy.

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by the Sino-Soviet Treaty of 1945.

